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The undersigned has made a good faith effort to place all the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) An unheated green vegetable puree which does not have catalase activity[, **contains an**] comprising at least one acid [or acids] and [has] having a pH of about 2.7[-] to about 4.1.

14. (Amended) [Use of the vegetable puree of Claim 1 for] A process for preparing food comprising the vegetable purees of Claim 1.

15. (Amended) The [use] process according to Claim 14, wherein the food is a vegetable juice.

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